

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNITION OF TOP STUDENT HISTORIANS IN COLORADO HISTORY DAY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize Emily Haskins, a student at Powell Middle School in Littleton, Colorado. Emily created a museum-style exhibit entitled "Nazi Communication: Pompous Propaganda or Subtle Manipulation?" and qualified to compete at the National History Day competition by placing third in her category at the Colorado History Day State Contest, where she was one of 638 competitors.

Colorado History Day is the National History Day program affiliate for the state of Colorado. National History Day is a year-long education program that engages students in grades 6–12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, museum-style exhibits, multimedia documentaries, and research papers based on their own research related to a broad annual theme. Their projects are then evaluated in a series of local and state competitions, culminating in an annual national competition. Nationwide, more than 800,000 students are involved in the National History Day program. More than 4,000 Colorado students participate in History Day activities at the local level each year, and they represent every type of Colorado community, from the cities and suburbs of the Front Range, to rural plains towns and mountain communities. At the Colorado History Day State Competition on April 23, 2005, held at the University of Colorado at Boulder, 54 students qualified to represent Colorado at the National History Day competition June 12–16 at the University of Maryland, College Park.

This year's National History Day theme, "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding," encompasses endless possibilities for exploration. Students embark on journeys of discovery that teach them about various facets of world, national, regional, and local history as they produce their original research projects. By encouraging young Coloradans to take advantage of the wealth of primary historical resources available to them, students gain a richer understanding of historical issues, ideas, people, and events. Students in this program learn how to analyze a variety of primary sources such as photographs, letters, diaries, magazines, maps, artifacts, sound recordings, and motion pictures. This significant academic exercise encourages intellectual growth while helping students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will help them manage and use information, now and in the future. For more than twenty-five years the National History Day program has promoted systemic educational reform related to the teaching and learning of history in America's schools. The combination of cre-

ativity and scholarship built into the National History Day program anticipated current educational reforms, making National History Day a leading model of performance-based learning.

These impressive students represent educational excellence in America. Every student in Colorado should have the opportunity to participate in this enriching program.

These students' teachers also deserve our respect. They are fine examples of the best in the teaching profession. Their encouragement and dedication has encouraged these students to strive for excellence and be successful in their endeavors. For this reason, I would also like to recognize Emily's teacher, Denise Shaw-Paswaters.

HONORING BUSINESS FLOORING SPECIALISTS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Business Flooring Specialists which was recently honored as the number 45 "Fastest-Growing New Business in America" by Entrepreneur Magazine's Hot 100 list.

In 2002, relying on a combined 45 years of experience and knowledge, President Jeff Bennett and Vice President Dale Walton established a successful company that specializes in professional floor covering and installation. Despite its rapid growth and new-found success, Bennett and Walton still personally oversee every project to guarantee that each project is done efficiently and with great detail. Just 3 years later, with the effort and loyalty the two founders have instilled, Business Flooring Specialists has become one of the premier flooring companies in North-Central Texas.

As their Congressman, I am honored to represent a company and group of individuals that are so strongly committed to instilling a tough work ethic and satisfying its customers. I congratulate Business Flooring Specialists for its dedication and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING JEFFREY "JEFF" MARKHAM OF LAKEPORT, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Jeffrey "Jeff" Markham of Lakeport, California as he retires from the Lake County Sheriff's Department after serving and protecting our community for the past 35 years.

Captain Markham has been an indispensable member of the Lake County law enforcement team. Since 1969, he has wholeheartedly committed himself to our community, working selflessly and relentlessly towards bettering the lives of Lake County citizens. Whether out patrolling the streets or supervising the office, Jeff has worked day and night to protect Lake County.

A highly respected and revered man, Captain Markham has held many other important positions throughout the county and state including law enforcement liaison between the Lake County Board of Supervisors and the Lake County Sheriff. In addition to his responsibilities in Lake County he has served as the State of California Narcotics Agent for 18 Northern California counties.

Mr. Speaker, when not in uniform, Captain Markham is very active throughout the community. While President of the local Little League he helped lead the development of a new baseball field. He has served as Head Cub Master for local Cub Scouts. For eight years he served on the Konocti Unified School District Board of Trustees and taught police science at Yuba College's Lake County campus in Clearlake. He has been a member of various organizations including the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Elks Lodge, and the Old Car Club.

A native Californian, Captain Markham graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from California State University at San Jose. He then earned his Master's in public Administration from the University of Southern California and later attended the FBI National Academy. Jeff and his wife Jeanne have two sons, David who also lives in Lakeport and Stephen who resides in nearby Clearlake where he is the Vice Mayor. Jeff and Jeanne are also the proud grandparents of six.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate that we honor and thank Captain Jeffrey Markham for his years of devotion to public service and extend our best wishes to him as he retires.

HONORING JUDY GOFF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career and achievements of Judy Goff of Alameda, California. Judy has been a dynamic and innovative leader in the labor community for more than 30 years, and today receives the Central Labor Council (CLC) of Alameda County, AFL-CIO's Lifetime Achievement Award as Unionist of the Year.

Judy is currently the Executive Secretary Treasurer Emeritus of the CLC of Alameda County, AFL-CIO, representing 135 unions and over 126,000 working families. She is known not only for her historic policy reforms in favor of immigrants' and workers' rights, but

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has also made a tremendous impact within and outside of the labor community as the first woman in California's history to hold many of the executive positions in which she has served held throughout her career.

Judy is a graduate of Holy Names College in Oakland, where she earned a degree in psychology. She is a former Alameda County social worker, and has worked with the General Assistance Program, providing assistance to single adults with substance dependency problems, and also with the Children's Protective Services Program.

Judy's labor career began when she joined the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 535 in 1972. She first ran for union office in 1973, becoming a member of the Alameda County Chapter Executive Board, a Delegate to the statewide Executive Board, and a Delegate to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

In 1976, Judy made history by becoming the first woman elected as statewide president of SEIU Local 535. In that capacity she worked tirelessly to defend the rights of those in need, testifying before Congress as well as the California State Legislature on welfare reform, and advocating for increases in funding for programs that served youth, the disabled, and older adults.

In another historic moment, Judy was elected as president of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFL-CIO in 1983, making her the first woman to serve in that position within any major labor council in California history. Under her leadership, the CLC introduced a resolution to the national AFL-CIO calling for major policy reforms on immigration and workers' rights. Additionally, as part of the Labor Immigrant Organizing Network, she worked to bring together union organizers and community groups to advocate for immigrant rights. During her tenure, the Central Labor Council was also successful in working to pass living wage ordinances in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and Hayward, as well as at the Port of Oakland.

During the past three decades, Judy's leadership on labor issues has also expanded to include a number of academic and community organizations. She is a member of the California State Assembly Speaker's Commission on Labor Education, and serves as a member of various labor-related advisory committees at San Francisco State University, Laney College and U.C. Berkeley. Judy serves on the board of the Bay Area Economic Forum and the steering committee of the Bay Dredging Action Coalition, and is a member of the Coalition on Labor Union Women AFL-CIO.

On June 10, 2005, friends and members of the labor community will gather to honor the contributions that Judy Goff has made to the circumstances of working people in Alameda County and throughout the State of California. Throughout the past three decades, Judy's work has consistently served to support workers' rights, diversity, fairness, and economic and social justice. The result has not only been a consistent improvement in the lives of working people in Alameda County, but an improvement in the quality of life for all people throughout the Easy Bay. On behalf of the 9th Congressional District, I salute Judy Goff for her immeasurable contributions to our community, and thank her for fighting to protect the rights of workers of generations past, present and future.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ODESSA BONNER—USHER OF THE YEAR

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today in honor of Mother Odessa Bonner who received the Life Time Achievement Award on June 5, 2005 at the Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God's Joint Usher Board's 36th Annual Day.

Mother Bonner has been a dedicated member of Saint Paul's Calvary United Church of God's Usher Board for over 30 years. Her willingness to lend a helping hand has made it easy for the Usher Board to declare her 2005's Usher of the Year. She has devoted herself to assisting those in need through her outreach work at community food banks, various shelters and soup kitchens throughout Union and Essex counties.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues here in the US House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mother Odessa Bonner as she accepts the Life Time Achievement Award as Usher of the Year. I am proud to have had her in my Congressional district and wish her never-ending success in her future endeavors.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEATH OF CHARLIE BOINEAU

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Roxanne, our sons, and I are deeply saddened to learn of the death on June 1st of Charlie Boineau, who has been a lifetime hero to us for his courage to pioneer the development of the two party system in South Carolina," said Wilson.

"One of the most meaningful events of my life was to visit the State House for the first time in August 1961 to witness Charlie's swearing in as a member of the S.C. House of Representatives. After winning a special election countywide in Richland County, he became the first Republican of the twentieth century to be elected to the General Assembly, an accomplishment that paved the way for the current Republican legislative and Federal majorities in South Carolina.

"I was always grateful to recognize Charlie as a trailblazer of the Republican Revolution, and I will always be proud he was my third cousin. We were both proud of our French Huguenot heritage.

"Charlie Boineau will always be remembered as a political leader, Rotarian, and Chamber official who made a difference for the people of South Carolina.

"Our family extends its deepest sympathy to Betsy, Bonnie, Fred, and the granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following obituary is from The State newspaper of Columbia, South Carolina, of June 3, 2005.

CHARLES EVANS BOINEAU

COLUMBIA.—Services for Charles Evans Boineau will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 1100 Sumter Street. The family will receive friends Fri-

day 5-7 p.m. at 1829 Senate Street, Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.

Born in Columbia, Mr. Boineau was the son of the late Bessie T. and Charles Evans Boineau. He was a graduate of Camden High School and was a student at the Citadel in Charleston when World War II began. In 1942, he volunteered for the Naval Air corps and at the age of twenty, was a Navy fighter pilot in the South Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier Hornet (CV-12). He participated in carrier strikes against Luzon, Formosa, South China Sea, French Indochina and Okinawa.

After the war Mr. Boineau returned to Columbia and began working for Boineau's Allied Van Lines. He was affiliated for forty-three years with the moving company that was founded by his father in 1931. He became president of the company in 1971. He had been with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce as Membership Ambassador since 1994.

Mr. Boineau was elected in 1961 as the first Republican to the South Carolina Legislature since Reconstruction. He was a charter member of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church where he served on the Vestry and taught Sunday School. He served on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Rotary Club, where he was a member for fifty-five years, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, The Columbia Navy League, The St. Martin's Foundation, and as vice-president of the Southeastern Warehouseman and Mover's Association. He was a former president of the South Carolina Mover's Association.

Mr. Boineau was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the highest honor conferred by the State of South Carolina, by Governor James B. Edwards. He was a member of The South Carolina Republican Silver Elephant Club, and was Chairman of the Platform Committee of the party in 1962, and in 1964 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention. He was a lifelong member of American Legion Post No. 6 and was a member of the South Carolina Historical Society. He was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. He held memberships in Forest Lake Club, The Columbia Cotillion Club, The Trantella, The Flamenco and was a charter member of The Summit Club.

Mr. Boineau is survived by his wife, Betsy Boatwright Boineau; daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Fred Crawford; and granddaughters, Beverley and Mary Crawford and Jessica Bacon.

Memorials may be made to Carolina Children's Home, Trinity Cathedral Foundation or St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Foundation.

HONORING JERI RICE

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeri Rice, an acclaimed entrepreneur in Seattle who personifies the spirit, courage, and commitment to see peace in her ancestral homeland of Israel. Jeri Rice is a distinguished Citizen Diplomat.

The Israel Policy Forum has selected Jeri Rice as a 2005 "Focus on the Future" Honoree. It is a wise choice and speaks volumes about the profound and positive impact one person can make in our world.

Jeri Rice is fearless in tackling tough issues. I know that firsthand. With a self confidence rooted in faith and family, Jeri guides everyone she comes in contact with toward a path

of peace based on mutual respect and moderation. She willingly—and often—opens her home to promote peace in the Mideast. I've joined her personal peace process, and I can affirm that Jeri's involvement is a shining example of personal commitment and heroism.

Jeri's involvement in good and noble causes is well known and highly regarded in Seattle. Jeri is a founding member of the University of Washington Center for Women and Democracy. She is a strong advocate and community leader in many organizations, including: United Way; University of Washington Academic Medical Center; Harborview Medical Center; and, PONCHO. She serves on the board of the Cornish College of the Arts, and since 2000, Jeri has been involved with Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation. She is also a member of the International Women's Forum.

Jeri is a person of deep personal conviction and strong family bonds. Without hesitation she proudly proclaims her mother as her heroine. When asked who inspires her, Jeri quickly names her son. As to the world leader she most admires, Jeri names Anwar Sadat.

It is, therefore, worth recalling a passage from the historic speech that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat delivered to the Knesset on November 20, 1977: "I have come to you so that together we should build a durable peace based on justice to avoid the shedding of one single drop of blood by both sides. It is for this reason that I have proclaimed my readiness to go to the farthest corner of the earth."

I ask every American to join me in congratulating Jeri Rice on the honor the Israel Policy Forum will bestow upon her. Her unwavering optimism reminds me of the affirmation contained in the Book of Ecclesiastes, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

This is the time for peace in Israel and throughout the Mideast. People like Jeri Rice will do everything possible to make it so. We honor them. We thank them.

HONORING BRANDON HOBON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mr. Brandon Hobon. Mr. Hobon has established himself as a leader and true patriot to the community of Denton, Texas.

Mr. Hobon was recently recognized by the Denton Police Department as "Volunteer Officer of the Year." After serving in the police department for 11 years, Hobon has received one of the department's most prestigious honors.

After graduating from college with a pre-law degree, Hobon turned down a bright future as a lawyer to better serve and protect his community. After graduation, Brandon Hobon entered the police academy where he finished second in his class, and earned advanced certifications and credentials in crime prevention, hazardous material response and terrorism training. In addition to serving and protecting our citizens, Mr. Hobon dedicates considerable amount of time mentoring young school children, and visiting and assisting in senior citizen programs.

It is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize an individual who has dedicated his life to protecting and assisting others. It is with the service and commitment of men such as Brandon Hobon that ensure the continuing protection and prominence of our communities and nation.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR MAUREEN STANTON, RECIPIENT OF THE 2005 UC DAVIS PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE TEACH- ING AND SCHOLARLY ACHIEVE- MENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maureen Stanton, Professor of Ecology and Evolution at the University of California, Davis as the 2005 recipient of the UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement. The prestigious \$30,000 prize, funded by the UC Davis Foundation, is believed to be the largest award of its kind in the nation. The winner is selected on the recommendation of faculty members, students and research peers.

Professor Stanton has made significant contributions throughout her years of University service. She served as the dynamic and extraordinarily productive director of the Center for Population Biology from 1993 to 1998. She frequently advises National Science Foundation panels and has been a National Council member of the Society for the Study of Evolution. She is also the Vice President of the American Society of Naturalists and an elected member of the California Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Stanton began her research of the interactions between plants and insects as a sophomore at Stanford University. At Harvard University she earned her Ph.D. in five years. Dr. Stanton then accepted a position at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, but missing the discovery of science, she soon relocated to Yale University for post-doctoral research. Her findings on the underappreciated importance of male characteristics in flowers lifted her into the top ranks of evolutionary ecologists.

In 1982 she joined the UC Davis faculty as an assistant professor of botany. At 28 she was younger than many of her doctoral students. In her teaching role she continually reshapes course curricula to provoke inquiry. She once stated, "I want to build critical thinking skills. That means I have to teach students to question pre-conceived ideas, to ask 'How confident are we of what we think we know?'"

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Professor Stanton and her passion for scholarly achievement, university service and undergraduate teaching.

HONORING DR. WADE W. NOBLES & THE INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCED STUDY OF BLACK FAMILY LIFE AND CULTURE, INC.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and achievements of Dr. Wade W. Nobles of Oakland California, and the organization he founded, The Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family Life and Culture, Inc. This month our community comes together to celebrate the Institute's 25th anniversary, and to recognize the groundbreaking work of its founder.

Dr. Nobles is a prominent theoretical scientist in the field of African Psychology and is one of the leading researchers in the area of Black family life and culture. He holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University, and has a special interest in the social, ethnic and cultural relativity of social science, research and evaluation models.

Dr. Nobles is a full-time, tenured professor in the Department of Black Studies in the School of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University. He is also the founder and director of the Center for Applied Cultural Studies and Educational Achievement (CACSEA), a California State University System educational research center dedicated to studying and developing models of culturally consistent educational methods.

In 1980 Dr. Nobles founded the Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family Life and Culture, Inc. to address overarching issues of human development and transformation, while simultaneously developing and implementing educational and informational systems. As the Institute's Executive Director, Dr. Nobles has written and conducted over 67 funded, community-based research, training and development projects, including the HAWK Manhood Development and Transformation Rites of Passage Training Centers Program, which has over 15 sites throughout the U.S.

Dr. Nobles' work is widely known and respected, and in recognition of this he has been invited to serve on a number of advisory groups for the California state and federal governments. He has served as a delegate to the White House Conference on Families, and was also a member of the President's Commission on Mental Health. Furthermore, Dr. Nobles was appointed to serve on the California State Commission on the Status of African-American Males, a commission I created and presided over as a member of the California State Assembly in the mid-1990s.

Also contributing to the success and innovations of the Institute are Dr. Nobles' various professional and international affiliations. He was a founding member of the Association of Black Psychologists, an organization in which he has served as President and received numerous awards, such as Distinguished Psychologist of the Year. Furthermore, in the course of his research he has traveled widely, particularly in Africa. In 1996 he received the high honor of being enstooled as the Nkwashohene of Akwasiho-Kwahu Region of Ghana in West Africa, where he works very closely with the Akwasiho people on development issues.

On June 3, 4 & 5, 2005, we join together to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Nobles, as well as the impact his work and the work of the Institute have had on our society and institutions of higher learning. Structuring our education and socialization systems in a way that acknowledges the cultural background of the students that are to benefit from them is crucial to the intellectual and social development of our young people. Dr. Nobles' research, teachings and programs have truly revolutionized the way that education and development are now approached, and have made productive and happy lives possible for countless students who would not otherwise have had that opportunity. On behalf of the 9th Congressional District, I salute and thank Dr. Wade W. Nobles for his service to the Bay Area, the State of California, our country and the world.

TRIBUTE TO EARL PHILLIPS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor an extraordinary public servant, Earl Phillips, as he says farewell to the Peace Corps and embarks on a new life journey. Mr. Phillips has diligently served as the Country Director for the United States Peace Corps for the Eastern Caribbean for 6 years. However, his lifetime achievements do not stop there.

Ranging from community revitalization to capacity building, Mr. Phillips' incredible generosity has touched many lives. As his wife, 5 children and 7 grandchildren can attest, he has dedicated his life to the betterment of others. So much so, that even after raising his children, he and his wife Victoria decided to join the Peace Corps and served as volunteers in Ghana, West Africa from 1996–1998. While at that post, Mr. Phillips played a significant role in the planning of President Bill Clinton and the First Lady's trip to Ghana—the first leg on their historic tour of the African continent.

He also has incredible ties not only to the great State of New Jersey but also my Congressional District. As a resident of Newark, he excelled as an athlete at South Side High School. After attending Howard University and serving in the military, he returned to our hometown where in 1970, he became President of the Urban League. From 1972–1973, he served as the Director of the High Impact Anti-Crime Commission. During his tenure, he designed and supervised a national program that reduced street crime by 20%. Upon leaving the anti-crime commission, he worked, for 5 years, as the Director of the Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA), also in Newark. He later went on to serve as the Executive Director of 4 additional housing authorities in large metropolitan cities.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Earl Phillips, as he leaves the United States Peace Corps, and in expressing appreciation to him and his wonderful wife Victoria for their service to our Nation. During his time in the Peace Corps, he served as an out-

standing spokesman and goodwill ambassador for his country. Beyond the Peace Corps, his life achievements speak volumes about his generosity and dedication to a cause bigger than himself. I am proud to have him as a dear friend and wish him never-ending success in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING ALIYA ROBIN DERI'S EXCEPTIONAL SHOWING IN THE SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Aliya Robin Deri's exceptional showing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The sharpest young minds in America gathered to compete in this contest with 278 students competing in the 78th annual spelling bee. Overcoming a litany of complex vocabulary, Aliya tied for second place after 18 rounds of careful spelling and concentration. A resident of Pleasanton, California, Aliya is a champion of many skills. She plays violin, viola, and piano and is a member of two orchestras. She also swims competitively and also enjoys diving, Indian dance, and Tai Chi. While most contestants in the spelling bee were from the United States and its territories, fourteen were foreign students from Canada, Bahamas, Jamaica and New Zealand. Aliya misspelled "trouville," meaning windfall, in the 18th round, but I want her to know that our windfall is to have such a gifted and talented individual in California's 11th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the outstanding efforts of this bright and gifted young woman. I would also like to include the following article for the record.

[From the Associated Press, June 2, 2005.]

KASHYAP SPOILED "APPOGGIATURA" RIGHT TO WIN

WASHINGTON.—Bursting into tears, eighth-grader Anurag Kashyap of California became the U.S. spelling champ Thursday, beating 272 other spellers in a tough two days of competition. He said he felt "just pure happiness."

Anurag, 13, of Poway clinched "appoggiatura," a melodic tone, to take home some \$30,000 in prizes. He won in the 19th round of the 78th Annual National Scripps Spelling Bee.

Anurag, a straight-A middle-school student whose favorite subject is science, tied for 47th in last year's spelling bee. That experience "helped me to know what I should study to . . . like, win this thing," he said afterward, repeatedly hiding his face behind his cardboard number.

Tied for second place were 11-year-old Samir Patel, who is home-schooled in Colleyville, Texas, and Aliya Deri, 13, a Pleasanton, California student.

Aliya was tripped up in the 18th round by "trouville," meaning windfall. Just after, Samir fell to "Roscian," meaning skilled in acting. Two years ago, when Samir tied for third place, bee winner Sai Gunturi predicted that he would be a force to be reckoned with in future contests.

When the sixth round ended in the early afternoon of the second day, only 27 spellers remained, including a half dozen home-schoolers. Home-schooled students have won twice before, in 1997 and 2000.

After the 14th round, only three spellers still stood—Anurag, Aliya and Samir.

During the day, Anurag whizzed through relatively easy words such as prosciutto, an Italian dry-cured ham, and more difficult ones like hodiernal, meaning "of this day."

Needing only one more correct spelling to win, he began methodically, going faster and faster as he finished the long word: "A-P-P-O-G-I-A-T-U-R-A." He covered his face and rushed to hug his father.

Most of the contestants at the bee's start were from the United States and its territories, but 14 were foreign students. There were 11 from Canada and one each from the Bahamas, Jamaica and New Zealand.

It was in the fourth round Wednesday that Dominic Errazo got a word he could relate to, "emetic," which means inducing one to vomit.

"It sounds like the nervousness I get up here," said the seventh-grader from Goose Creek, SC. He spelled it correctly.

Each speller wins at least \$50. The first-place winner gets \$28,000 in cash, scholarships and bonds, plus books from Encyclopedia Britannica. That's about \$10,000 more than in previous years.

The contest is administered by E.W. Scripps Co. The youngsters all won local contests sponsored by newspapers.

CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF JOHN ROTHROCK AND GLYNDAL BRITT MOSES

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt joy that I rise today to offer my best wishes for the recent marriage of John Rothrock and Britt Moses.

For the last 6 years, John Rothrock has served loyally and faithfully as my Chief of Staff. In this capacity, I have witnessed firsthand the depth of John's love for Britt and the strength of his commitment to her. It has been my great fortune to personally observe the warm affection and special bond they share.

Last Saturday, June 4, 2005, John and Britt took their vows, expressing their mutual devotion and love for each other. I was extremely proud to join their friends and family in celebrating this special day.

Marriage is a wonderful institution and I am confident that the union of John and Britt will be another lasting testament to the sanctity of marriage. As they start their new life together, I trust John and Britt will be a blessing to one another, partners in all aspects of life, and forever mindful of the love they feel today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the 109th Congress to join me in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Rothrock on their recent union and in wishing this couple a lifetime of happiness together.

CONGRATULATING THE COUNCIL OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS ON THEIR BEING HONORED BY LEADERSHIP WILKES-BARRE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP EXAMPLE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Council of Presidents from the Wyoming Valley's five institutions of higher education that includes King's College, Wilkes University, College Misericordia, Penn State University and the Luzerne County Community College.

In the mid 1980s, the presidents of these five institutions came together upon realizing that although they compete for students and funding, they are also an invaluable resource to the greater community in which they are located. That realization prompted the formation of the Council of Presidents as a vehicle to promote cooperation and sharing of common goals in a manner that maximizes the effort involved.

Since then, the Council of Presidents has been a positive force in downtown Wilkes-Barre economic development efforts, the formation of the Diamond City Partnership, the Wilkes-Barre Innovation Center, the Great Valley Technology Alliance, City Vest and the Joint Urban Studies Center, to name just a few of their accomplishments.

The Council of Presidents stands as a beacon that focuses a bright light on the positive things that can be achieved through cooperative action. Not only has their outstanding leadership and example proven to be a blueprint for success in the community arena, it has also paid vast dividends to each of the schools the presidents represent.

Cooperation in designing and developing academic course offerings has benefited from the Council of Presidents and their foresight and collective zeal to improve educational opportunities for all students attending their respective institutions.

The Council of Presidents has been especially sensitive to changing elements in society and has responded promptly and efficiently to meet those challenges. The Council of Presidents has worked cooperatively to consolidate Spanish language development to accommodate a growing Hispanic population in the region.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Council of Presidents on this notable occasion. The people of the greater Wyoming Valley are better served because of the work accomplished by this dedicated group of men and women. And their cooperative example should serve as a model for other groups, both public and private, who seek to provide a higher level of service in the performance of their duties.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE
McMONAGLE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor and to recognize Katherine McMonagle—a devoted educator and a life-long learner. Katherine has announced her plans to retire after thirty-four year of service.

Katherine has dedicated her professional career to thousands of students in the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale school district, located in Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District. From Carver Elementary School to North Saint Paul High School, Kathie has been an inspiring teacher to her students and a caring mentor to her colleagues.

In her first year as a teacher she taught physical education to elementary students and for the following eight years she continued in this subject area and taught middle schoolers the benefits of physical activity. As her portfolio changed to include health studies over 20 years ago, she became committed to helping students learn about the dangers of smoking and helping student smokers to quit.

In fact, she developed a program in conjunction with the Ramsey County chapter of the American Lung Association and her high school. A few years later her idea expanded to include a district-wide K-12 program committed to smoking prevention. Her idea continued to grow as the Lung Association started to move the program to other school districts.

And her ideas and commitment didn't stop there. Kathie also developed and implemented a service learning course where high school students—freshmen through seniors—work with communities to identify and address a need and develop a plan to solve the problem. The students use marketing, communication, math and other skills to come up with an implementation plan. This kind of creativity and innovation in curriculum is admired and supported not only by the students, but also by their parents, the communities, and other teachers who participate.

Kathie's skill and determination to create new and exciting opportunities for students is a consistent theme in her esteemed teaching career. She ensured that her school district would not be the only one to not provide a competitive golf team for girls. She also started up the high school's Knowledge and Quiz bowl teams and she's been their coach for the past eight years.

Over the course of Katherine's career, she has grown and developed confidence, grace, and skill in working with teenagers about personal health and development issues—which can be difficult subjects to broach with teens. Her desire to bring out the best in people and to encourage them to find new ways to lead healthy, successful, and enriching lives echoes through her work and will have a lasting impact on all those lucky enough to have been her student. She has encouraged mutual respect, honesty, and integrity in the classroom—important attributes that students have taken with them.

It is with respect and thanks that I rise to salute a teacher who will be missed, and whose legacy and ideas will continue long

after she says her goodbyes to her students and colleagues.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FEDERAL
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE G.
THOMAS VANBEBBER

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and career of Federal District Court Judge for the District of Kansas G. Thomas VanBebber, who died on May 26th.

U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber, 73, died unexpectedly and peacefully at home in Overland Park, Kansas. He was born to Roy VanBebber and Anne Wenner VanBebber in 1931 and grew up in Troy, Kansas, where he established a law practice after his graduation from the University of Kansas and its School of Law in 1955. There, he was a member of the editorial board of the Law Review and was a member of the Order of the Coif. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Kansas for 2 years, and he was the Doniphan County, Kansas, Attorney for 6 years as he established a 25-year private practice in Troy. Before he entered the judiciary, Judge VanBebber was active in politics and was Chairman of the Doniphan County Republican Central Committee. He served 2 terms in the Kansas House of Representatives before being appointed chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission, the state's utility regulatory agency, by Governor Robert Bennett. Among his memberships was tenure as a Director of the Kansas State Historical Society. In 1982, he was appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Kansas, in Topeka, and he was appointed as U.S. District Judge for the District of Kansas in 1989. He sat in Kansas City, Kansas, and became Chief District Judge in April 1995, a position he held until he elected to assume Senior Judge status in December 2000. He had continued to carry an active workload of federal cases until his death.

Judge VanBebber was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Virginia Anne Henry. He leaves his wife, Alleen, at home; and his stepson, David Castellani, of Los Angeles, California. He also leaves his brother, John Gregory, and his wife, Vondell; his brother, William and his wife, Yvonne; his brother-in-law Ward Henry, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and cousins. I have known Alleen and the Judge for many years. They are wonderful people. We all will miss Tom VanBebber.

On May 28th, the Lawrence Journal-World carried an article reviewing the notable moments of Judge VanBebber's judicial career. I include it with this statement and thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to pay tribute to a jurist who was described in the Kansas City Star as a man who "forged a legal career that defines the principles of fairness, courage and intelligence . . . He was known for his gregarious warmth outside the courtroom, but when he put on the black robe he was all business and expected litigants to have the same attitude."

[The Lawrence Journal-World, May 27, 2005]

FEDERAL JUDGE VANBEBBER DIES AT 73

RULINGS INCLUDED OKC BOMB CASE, SOUTH LAWRENCE TRAFFICWAY, PHELPS

U.S. District Court Judge G. Thomas VanBebber died Thursday. He was 73.

"He was an indomitable spirit . . . a wonderful judge," said Steve McAllister, dean of the Kansas University School of Law.

VanBebber, who lived in Overland Park, called in sick Wednesday.

"He died peacefully in his sleep, sometime between 6 and 6:30 a.m.," said Ralph DeLoach, clerk/administrator for the U.S. District Court of Kansas.

"He was respected not only by his peers, but by all court staff who worked for him—highly respected," DeLoach said.

VanBebber was perhaps best known for sentencing Michael Fortier, a key witness for the prosecution in the Oklahoma City bombing trial that led to convictions of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

Fortier admitted knowing about the plot to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and choosing not to warn authorities.

VanBebber sentenced Fortier to 12 years in prison and ordered him to pay \$200,000 in fines.

Fortier's attorneys appealed the sentence, arguing it was excessive given his cooperation with prosecutors. A federal appeals court upheld the sentence.

Other VanBebber rulings:

1997—Issued an injunction halting work on the proposed South Lawrence Trafficway until after completion of an environmental impact statement.

1999—Denied the Rev. Fred Phelps' attempt to sue Shawnee County Dist. Atty. Joan Hamilton for allegedly prosecuting him in an attempt to limit his anti-homosexual picketing.

2004—Denied an attempt to force Washburn University to remove a statue from campus that some considered anti-Catholic.

The sculpture, entitled "Holier Than Thou," depicted a scowling, heavyset clergyman wearing ceremonial headgear that some said was shaped like a penis.

"The court cannot conclude that a reasonable observer would perceive the university's display of 'Holier Than Thou' as an attack on Catholics," VanBebber wrote in his ruling.

VanBebber grew up in Troy, Kan. (population 1,000). He earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas University in 1953; a law degree in 1955. In 2001, he received the KU Law Society's distinguished alumnus award.

He practiced law in Troy until 1959, when he became an assistant U.S. attorney. He returned to private practice in Troy in 1961, serving as Doniphan County attorney from 1963 to 1969. He was elected to the Kansas House, serving one term from 1973 to 1975.

He served on the Kansas Corporation Commission, from 1975 to 1979.

VanBebber was appointed a federal magistrate in 1982. Seven years later, he was appointed to the federal bench by President George H. W. Bush.

He served as chief judge from 1995 to 2000, assuming senior judge status on Dec. 31, 2000.

"He was a wonderful judge and an even better person," said U.S. Chief Judge John W. Lungstrum, who lives in Lawrence.

"He was a great student of history and literature," he said. "He had a tendency to relate to anecdotes and people he knew while growing up in Troy—I say that not to imply that he was homespun in character; I say it because he related to small-town values in a way that brought a lot of wisdom and common sense to the bench. He was truly brilliant."

Lungstrum succeeded VanBebber as the federal court's chief judge in Kansas.

As a child, VanBebber contracted polio and often relied on crutches and, in recent years, a wheelchair.

"He was in pain every day, but he never let on that there was a problem," Lungstrum said. "His courage and stoicism were tremendously inspirational to the court."

VanBebber is survived by his wife, Alleen, an attorney.

CONFERENCE ON THE DEEPENING CRISIS FOR HAITIANS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for an important conference taking place today—the Conference on the Deepening Crisis for Haitians. This conference will bring together members of the Haitian American community, the academic sector, non-governmental organizations, and representatives from the U.S. and Haitian governments to discuss key issues facing Haitians.

While Haiti has recently celebrated more than 200 years of independence from French colonial rule, the citizens of the island remain vulnerable to poverty, poor health, and political chaos. Tumultuous events in the past year and a half consisted of violent uprisings, the departure of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, massive floods in May displacing tens of thousands, and Tropical Storm Jeanne in September leading to more than 3,000 deaths in the ensuing floods. Sadly, Haiti has not been able to recover from these recent disasters and many Haitians are living in terrible conditions. This is why I have urged Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitian nationals living in the United States. With thousands of people killed in the natural disasters and hundreds of thousands left homeless, Haiti is temporarily unable to handle the return of nationals. Haitians already in the U.S. should be allowed to remain in peace and security in the U.S. while the island recovers.

Today, the Organization of American States General Assembly is meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Organization's Secretary General, Jose Miguel Insulza, has pledged to raise the subject of Haiti at the OAS during the session. While this is a welcome sign, it is the least of what will be needed if Haiti is to emerge from its deepening crisis. The international community and the United States must get serious about finding a way out of the expanding abyss so that Haiti can once again move forward.

We all would like to see a brighter future for Haiti, and I hope this conference will serve to explore many views. Respect for human rights, freedom, and the rule of law must be established in the poorest nation in our hemisphere. Our Haitian constituents and their relatives are counting on us to help bring Haiti out of its volatile situation. I am pleased to support the Conference on the Deepening Crisis for Haitians, and I commend the Conference for hosting this dialogue.

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH J. COLEMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE NEW YORK STATE TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth J. Coleman, who has dedicated her life to the fight for civil rights, and has broken down numerous barriers along the way. Ms. Coleman's legal career has focused on ensuring access for all Americans to a fair and unbiased justice system, one through which they can realize the entirety of their constitutional rights. This principle has guided her throughout her years of service, from work on behalf of indigent consumers in Georgia to her national work for the Anti-Defamation League, and most recently during her stint at the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA), where she was an outstanding Executive Director and General Counsel.

Ms. Coleman has also held many additional posts and has been involved in many endeavors over the years. She was elected Chair of the Board of the National Women's Law Center in 1996 and served in that capacity until 2003. President Clinton appointed Ms. Coleman Vice-Chair of the President's Export Council in 1994 and a United States Delegate to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in 1995. More recently, the National Organization for Women's New York City chapter honored her in 2003 as a Woman of Power and Courage. Last year she was honored by New York Women's Agenda as a STAR, an honor bestowed upon women who represent the spirit of New York, provide leadership in business and in the community, and are role models for other women. I can think of no more worthy recipient of such recognition than Ms. Coleman.

As Elizabeth Coleman leaves NYSTLA, she embarks on a new mission, but one with the same goals in mind. She will continue her advocacy for civil and social justice through foundation work and community organizing. As she begins the next chapter of her life, I thank her wholeheartedly for her tireless work, and I wish her the very best in the years to come.

HONORING MAYOR EULINE BROCK

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and commitment of Mayor Euline Brock. Ms. Brock has established herself as a leader and true servant to my hometown Denton, Texas.

Mayor Brock was recently presented the William J. Pitstick Regional Cooperation Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The award recognizes individuals who have promoted good, strong leadership and spirit of regionalism in solving multi-jurisdictional problems.

Since first elected Denton's mayor in 2000, Mayor Brock has become a lead spokesman

for promoting regional and inter-jurisdictional cooperation. In addition to her mayoral duties, Ms. Brock serves on the prestigious Texas Municipal League's Legislative Committee and was recently appointed by the U.S. Council of Mayors to serve on the Energy and Environment Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I stand here today to recognize an individual, a friend, who has dedicated her time as the Mayor of Denton not only to her constituents but also has reached out and assisted those outside her district as well. It is with the service and commitment of individuals such as Mayor Brock that ensure the continual growth and close relationship of North Texas communities.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS "TOM"
ENGSTROM OF LAKEPORT, CALI-
FORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief of Police Tom Engstrom of Lakeport, California, as he retires after 37 years of dedicated public service.

As a young man in his early 20s, Chief Engstrom was determined to lead a life devoted to protecting his fellow citizens. He began his service in 1968 when he joined the Phoenix, Arizona Police Department. Several years later he moved to California and was promoted to Sergeant with the City of Turlock Police Department. In 1980, at just 33 years of age, Sergeant Engstrom was selected as Chief of Police for the City of Newman becoming the youngest Chief of Police in the State of California. Over a decade later, Tom and his family moved to Lakeport, California where he was selected by the Lakeport City Council to serve as Chief of Police.

For the past 11 years Chief Engstrom has made numerous contributions to his community, enabling the people of Lakeport to live in a safe environment. He has dedicated much of his time towards implementing various educational programs throughout the community including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and Gang Resistance Education & Training (G.R.E.A.T). With these outreach programs, Chief Engstrom has been able to educate and promote awareness of these important issues to Lakeport citizens of all ages.

Chief Engstrom has also played an active role in creating other law enforcement programs and patrol units including the Canine Program, School Resource Officer Program, Personal Watercraft Patrol and Bicycle Patrol. He is responsible for the creation of the New Police Facility and for raising \$1.5 million in grants for the Lakeport Police Department.

The Chief earned his Bachelor of Art's Degree from the University of San Francisco in Public Administration. He continued his education and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Tom and his wife of 38 years, Cindy, are the proud parents of seven children and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, it is appropriate that we thank Police Chief Tom Engstrom for all that he has done to protect

the citizens of Lakeport, California, and extend our best wishes to him in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MS. THELMA STINSON, PRINCIPAL OF LILLIE C. EVANS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a truly great role model and a truly great educator—the late Ms. Thelma Stinson, former Principal of the Lillie C. Evans Elementary School located in Miami's Liberty City community in my Congressional District.

Her passing away provides us with the sobering thought of the dignity of the human spirit and the fragility of life. Even though she was sick with cancer, Ms. Stinson often went straight from the hospital to her school because she felt so deeply about helping her students. By every measure, she was enormously successful.

Ms. Stinson started working for the Dade County School Board in 1968 as a librarian, then as a special-education teacher and assistant principal before becoming Principal of Lillie C. Evans in late 2000.

Under her leadership at Lillie C. Evans, the school proudly rose from an F-graded school in 2001–2002 to an A-graded school in 2003–2004. "The school's turnaround is a testament to her leadership and her commitment," said district spokesman Joseph Garcia. Ms. Stinson also reached out to the community by ensuring that parents were also schooled in the basic skills of reading, math and the sciences through regular sessions at night. Simply put, Ms. Stinson literally bridged the gap between her school and her students' homes, making parental involvement an essential part of the teaching and learning process.

In spite of the odds, Ms. Stinson truly demonstrated to all those called upon by public service that excellence and achievement are never beyond the reach of those willing to make the commitment and dare to dream what seems to most people to be the impossible. She was a source of light—more like a beacon in the night—in our community and in the lives of student and adults alike. It is impossible to measure the impact of a person like Ms. Stinson, for her legacy will live on in all the young lives she touched, for whom she created new possibilities and new opportunities that, without her special touch, would never have existed.

It is sadly inadequate to say that she will be sorely missed. I extend my deepest condolences to her mother Ceola Thompson, brother Errol Thompson, sister Esther Blackshear, daughter Twyla Hilton, her grandsons, her friends and her students.

PENTAGON MEMORIAL FUND

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer the thanks of this body to a democratic friend,

Taiwan, the Republic of China, for their recent generous gift to the Pentagon Memorial Fund.

9–11 scarred our souls and forever changed the way we view enemy attack and the security of our Nation. The Pentagon is known globally as the place our military policy is created and recommended for implementation. It is a prominent part of the government commanded by the Chief Executive and maintained by the United States Congress.

The targeted component of the surprise coordinated attack there shocked and appalled the civilized nations and people on the planet. This Nation lost 184 souls across the river on that day. The sight of smoke coming from the Pentagon is a picture seared in my memory from that day, seen as I ran out of the U.S. Capitol.

Part of the salve applied to our national injury is in honoring the memory of the 184 men and women who perished on 9–11. So, as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I thank Taiwan for their part in helping to immortalize their memory by contributing to the Pentagon Memorial Fund. And I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the Washington Post story announcing the generous contribution.

[From the Washington Post, May 5, 2005]

TAIWAN AIDS PENTAGON MEMORIAL FUND

The government of Taiwan has donated \$1 million to the Pentagon Memorial Fund, according to James L. Laychak, the fund's president and chief executive. About \$6.5 million has been raised to finance the memorial, which is to be built with private funds. Families of victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon began a fundraising drive in April 2004 with a goal of \$30 million—\$20 million for construction and \$10 million for a maintenance fund. Taiwan's gift is the second for \$1 million; the first came from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation.

"The donation does not simply represent our offering of support for the victims of 9–11," said David Tawei Lee, a government representative, in a prepared statement, "but also express our appreciation for the symbols of freedom." The memorial on the Pentagon's west lawn will have 184 cantilevered benches, one in memory of each of the victims of the terrorist attack.

HONORING THE AVIATION FEATS
OF ROBERT "HOOT" GIBSON

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Robert "Hoot" Gibson, a resident of my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, who recently broke two aviation speed records.

Hoot flew a Raytheon Premier I jet into the record books on September 22, 2004, when he flew from Seattle, Washington, to Las Vegas, Nevada, at 499.65 miles per hour and from Las Vegas to Wichita, Kansas, at 540.53 miles per hour. The previous records were set in a Cessna Citation jet in 1991.

Hoot is a former astronaut who made 5 Space Shuttle flights and commanded 4 of them. A retired Navy captain, he now flies commercial jetliners for Southwest Airlines.

Hoot's accomplishments in the aviation arena are exceptional, as well as inspirational.

Once again, I congratulate him for an outstanding military career and for his contributions to this Nation's space program.

TRIBUTE TO THE REV. DR. FRANK
REID III

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of the Rev. Dr. Frank Mason Reid III, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Reid is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher and motivational speaker who is dedicated to changing lives and rebuilding communities. Since becoming spiritual leader of Baltimore's Bethel AME Church, membership has swelled to 17,000, making it one of the largest AME churches in the Nation. Bethel AME has 36 active ministries that give hope and comfort to the people of the Baltimore community, including cancer patients, drug addicts, and those who suffer from HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Reid's message of hope has reached beyond the Baltimore community. He has a weekly local television show on Sunday mornings, and he has been broadcast nationally on the Armed Forces Network. Dr. Reid also has preached in South Korea and South and East Africa.

During his college years at Yale University, Dr. Reid answered the call to the ministry. After graduating from Yale in 1974 and the Harvard Divinity School in 1978, Dr. Reid served congregations in Charlotte, North Carolina and Los Angeles, California before being called to service at Bethel AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland in the late 1980s.

Dr. Reid has a loving and devoted family. His wife Marlaa Hall Reid and three children—Franshon, Faith and Shane—are proud of his work in helping others rebuild their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding the accomplishments of Dr. Reid on the eve of his 54th birthday. He has had a remarkable career serving the people of Baltimore.

IN MEMORY OF LINDA LISS FINE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Linda Liss Fine. Linda was a compassionate and courageous individual whose dedication and service greatly enhanced the lives of many in Chicago's elderly Jewish community.

Linda was respected and admired by her colleagues, friends and family. Her creative and pioneering work as Director of Selfhelp, an independent organization providing the residential and health care needs of the Jewish elderly, has been recognized and greatly appreciated by many. During her time with Selfhelp, Linda immersed herself in community activities focusing on improving the quality of life of everyone with whom she came in con-

tact. Through her devotion and extraordinary sense of caring, she transformed the institution into a vibrant community where elderly residents would enjoy cultural events such as classical music concerts, take part in educational events such as computer classes and otherwise maintain active and full lives. She was an outstanding member of Chicago's Jewish community and she immeasurably improved many people's lives under her care. Her residents viewed Linda not as merely an administrator, but as a cherished member of the family.

Born in Chicago in 1942, Linda Liss Fine attended Chicago's public schools before embarking on career in the health care profession. As a registered nurse, she worked in a variety of hospital and home health care positions. After work, and while raising three children, she worked tirelessly and attended classes at night, completing her university degree in health care administration.

Linda is survived by her husband, Bernard, son David, daughters Dawn and Dana, sister Hedda, several grandchildren and many relatives across the country.

Linda Liss Fine will be missed by all those whose lives she touched and will be remembered affectionately by her many friends and colleagues. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring an outstanding individual, a loving wife and mother, selfless caretaker and innovative director—Linda Liss Fine, a woman who brought joy and love into the lives of so many.

HONORING LUCY BELLO AS SHE
CELEBRATES HER 70TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, It is with great pleasure that I rise today to wish my dear friend, Lucy Bello, a very happy 70th birthday. This is a remarkable milestone for an inspiring individual. Not only is she celebrating 70 years of life, but she is also marking her 10th anniversary of being cancer free!

This is a celebration of life. In her seven decades, Lucy has faced many challenges, but none more so than her battle with cancer. As a cancer survivor myself, I know only too well the fear, concern, and obstacles this disease brings. Lucy faced these challenges with the greatest of dignity and courage—serving as an inspiration to all of those who know her story. Today, Lucy is proudly celebrating a decade of remission and I would be remiss if I did not extend my sincere congratulations to her on this very special occasion.

Throughout her life, Lucy has dedicated her time and energy to enriching her community. Since she could first vote at age twenty-one, she has been an active member of Branford's Democratic Town Committee. For nearly fifty years she has offered her support and encouragement to countless candidates. Candidates and committee members alike will tell you that Lucy is their go-to person—always willing to do the grunt work that no one else wants to do. In fact, I cannot recall an event in Branford that Lucy was not involved in either as an organizer or volunteer. It is because of individuals like Lucy—those who participate in the process by simply being involved—that our

democratic process works. She herself served on the local Representative Town Meeting for many years. I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend and cannot thank her enough for all the good work she has done.

Through the last five decades, her kind heart and endless generosity have made all the difference. Later this month, Lucy will be honored by the Democratic Town Committee for her many years of service and I cannot think of a more deserving individual to pay tribute to. Through her hardwork and commitment, Lucy has become a fixture in the Branford community—a local treasure. Every community should be so fortunate!

For her years of outstanding service to the community and for her very special friendship, I am proud to stand today to join the many family, friends, and community leaders who have gathered to wish Lucy Bello a very happy 70th birthday. May you enjoy many more years of health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF OUR UNITED STATES
VETERANS AND THE PARMA
VETERANS CENTER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of all veterans of the 10th Congressional District of Ohio for their service, bravery, and dedication on behalf of our country. Most significantly, we stand in tribute and remembrance of those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice when they answered the call to duty.

The lives of many veterans and their families have been uplifted by the outreach efforts of the Parma Veterans Center—a haven of services and assistance focused on the emotional, psychological, medical, financial, and employment needs of thousands of veterans and their families.

The services and support provided by the Parma Veterans Center is the least we can do on behalf of our veteran—our brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, mothers, fathers and grandfathers—thousands of whom have made significant sacrifices and suffered great losses during and after their unwavering service to our country.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, tribute and gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces—let us forever remember their service, sacrifice and sense of duty—yesterday, today, and for generations to come.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
MAYOR THOMAS J. PELLEGRINO

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the achievements of a man who exemplifies the finest combination of civic consciousness, personal achievement, and familial responsibility. Thomas J. Pellegrino, Mayor of Port Washington North, has been a catalyst

of progress and success for the community he has served for more than three decades.

Half a century ago, Thomas began his career as an advertising media trainee. Fifty years later, he has directed campaigns for some of America's greatest corporate luminaries, founded his own innovative franchise, and supervised operations for three nationally successful magazines.

Despite his national success, Thomas has never faltered in his commitment to his local community. During his years as the Mayor of Port Washington North, Thomas has overseen the construction of hundreds of housing developments built for the elderly as well as the enactment of important safety ordinances in the housing and public health sectors. He has watched an entire generation grow into a thriving community under his tenure. Thomas steps down from his municipal office after thirty-four years as the longest-serving mayor in New York State.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize such an accomplished individual and commend Mayor Thomas J. Pellegrino for his years of dedicated service to his community. On behalf of his wife, his five children, his fifteen grandchildren, and the Village of Port Washington North, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to please join me in honoring Mayor Thomas J. Pellegrino and wishing him many years of success as he celebrates his well deserved retirement.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF HALF HOLLOW HILLS HIGH SCHOOL EAST

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students from Half Hollow Hills High School in Dix Hills, New York for their hard work in the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" national finals.

The students, Jason Albert, Matt Bernstein, Bryan Cowan, Jennifer Crupi, Arielle Davidsohn, Danielle Gold, Chelsea Gordon, Brittnay Hershkowitz, Joelle Lichtman, Priya Murthy, Lindsay Nussbaum, Liz Oren, Josh Parker, Sylvia Qu, Beth Reisfeld, Dan Roberts, Jill Rubino, Alida Salins, Aaron Schwartz, Ben Seleznow, Jen Signet, Soyoong Sung, Jessica Wasserman, Matt Young, and Jen Zhao, led by their teacher Scott Edwards, demonstrated a remarkable understanding of the fundamental ideals and values of American constitutional government.

It is truly an honor to call these outstanding young Americans my constituents. Their success in the competition is also a testament to the excellent teachers at Half Hollow Hills East High School and elsewhere on Long Island.

I offer my congratulations on their hard-won honorable mention and commend these students on their dedication to the study of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2005 NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to the 47th annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, which will be held on June 12, 2005 in New York City. This parade, which celebrates the heritage of the Puerto Rican people, is one of the largest outdoor events in the United States.

The first New York Puerto Rican Day parade, held on Sunday, April 12, 1958 in "El Barrio" in Manhattan was a wonderful event presented in the heart of the city's Puerto Rican community. In 1995, the overwhelming success of the parade prompted organizers to increase its size, and transform it into a national affair now known as the National Puerto Rican Day Parade. This magnificent New York institution now includes participation from delegates representing thirty one states, including Alaska and Hawaii and attracts over 3 million parade goers every year.

The great success that this parade has enjoyed over the years is a result of the tireless work of many individuals from all walks of life—who are dedicated to preserving and celebrating Puerto Rican heritage and culture. Leading this effort is the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 1995 with the mission of increasing the self awareness and pride of the Puerto Rican people in order to promote economic development, education, cultural recognition, and advancement.

The Parade up New York's Fifth Avenue, while certainly the most visible aspect of the celebration of the Puerto Rican people, is not the only event associated with the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.'s activities. More than 10,000 people each year attend a variety of award ceremonies, banquets and cultural events which not only help to highlight but also strengthen the special relationship shared by Puerto Ricans and the City of New York. Over the years, the two have developed a symbiotic relationship—Puerto Ricans sharing a vibrant and beautiful culture and helping to turn New York into a bilingual city and the City of New York helping Puerto Ricans to flourish economically, politically and culturally. The annual parade captures the spirit of this special relationship and celebrates its success.

Mr. Speaker, as a Puerto Rican, a New Yorker, and a Member of Congress, it is an honor to participate in this national event every year in which thousands of individuals march along Fifth Avenue in celebration. The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is a communal cultural treasure, national in scope and impact, and one that unites all New Yorkers. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Puerto Rican people and to all who have worked to ensure that the upcoming parade is a success.

STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I recently joined with nearly all members of this body in voting for H.R. 2520, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act.

This important piece of public health legislation will help increase awareness of the possibility of using cord blood to improve access to blood-forming stem cell transplants and research.

I also want to take a moment to bring attention to another aspect of this bill, the reauthorization of the National Bone Marrow Registry.

Since its inception in 1986, the Registry has enjoyed strong bipartisan support and has been committed to helping people who need a lifesaving marrow or blood cell transplant.

The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) has successfully operated the National Bone Marrow Registry through a competitive contract renewed every 5 years.

The NMDP maintains the largest listing of volunteer donors and cord blood units in the world, supports patients and their doctors throughout the transplant process and matches patients with the best marrow donor or cord blood unit.

This past November, the NMDP celebrated an important milestone when it facilitated its 20,000th transplant.

The NMDP has worked diligently to increase the diversity of the National Bone Marrow Registry so that all Americans have access to lifesaving blood-forming stem cell transplants by increasing donations from racial and ethnic minorities and incorporating umbilical cord blood units as a new source of cells.

The NMDP also provides transplant centers with the logistical support patients need from the moment a physician initiates a search.

The NMDP provides expert advice on searching the National Registry, coordinates the testing of cord blood units and adult donors, ensures that the correct cells are obtained and delivered as directed by the physician, and assists patients with insurance, travel and other needs that arise as part of the transplant process.

These programs help doctors focus on caring for their patients and helps patients and their families focus on what is important—getting well.

I salute the NMDP for all it does to help patients, and I am pleased Congress was able to pass H.R. 2520.

SECURELY PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST CYBER TRESPASS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in crafting this legislation, the members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce have endeavored to understand and take into account benign and reasonable functions involved with network management, as well as

standard functionalities of the Internet. In that spirit, section 5(b) provides that the Act does not apply to monitoring or interaction with a subscriber's Internet or other network connection or service, or a protected computer, to the extent that the monitoring or interaction is for security purposes, diagnostics, technical support, or repair, or for the detection or prevention of fraudulent activities. In significant part, the intent of this provision is to ensure that providers of Internet services (such as telecommunications carriers and cable operators) have the ability to conduct activities necessary to maintain the integrity of their systems. For instance, large-scale telecommunications carriers may not be held liable under the Act for enterprise-level management and maintenance activities within their own networks.

I would like to add that, in keeping with our Committee's bipartisan process, I am authorized to say that my distinguished colleague, Ranking Member DINGELL, agrees with this understanding of our bill.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT O. BONNELL, JR.

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Robert Bonnell, Jr. in recognition of his outstanding work at the Educational Opportunities Program (EOP). A resident of Baltimore, Maryland, he has worked tirelessly to ensure that Baltimore high school students stay in school.

Robert Bonnell founded the EOP in 1986 with the goal of reducing the high school dropout rate in Baltimore. His program assigns a counselor to individual high school students starting in the 9th grade. The counselor then works with that individual for four years to help them overcome obstacles to graduation. In addition, his program encourages students to further their education by attending college, enrolling in a trade school, or seeking an apprenticeship.

Mr. Bonnell's efforts have resulted in a 73% high school graduation rate for participants in the program. Sixty percent of EOP students are accepted into college after matriculation. Other participants actively seek postgraduate employment.

His commitment to his country did not begin with the EOP. He served in the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942–1953. He is a successful businessman, philanthropist, and patriot. He and his wife Barbara have a large, loving family that includes five children, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the work of Robert Bonnell, Jr. His commitment and dedication to educating America's youth has been an inspiration to all of us.

ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PASSAGE THROUGH HELL: A MEMOIR

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the publication of an English translation of *Passage Through Hell: A Memoir*. The original version was written in 1955 by Armenian poet, educator and author Armen Anush. It has been published by Hagop and Klar Manjikian on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Armen Anush was an eyewitness to the deportation and massacre of Armenians by the Turks during 1915–1916. On April 24, 1915, the Turkish government began to arrest Armenian community members and political leaders. Many were executed without ever being charged with crimes. Then the government deported most Armenians from Turkish Armenia, ordering that they resettle in what is now Syria. Many deportees never reached that destination.

From 1915 to 1918, more than a million Armenians died of starvation and disease on long marches, or were massacred outright by Turkish forces. From 1918 to 1923, Armenians continued to suffer at the hands of the Turkish military, which eventually removed all remaining Armenians from Turkey. The Armenian Genocide was a tragedy not only for the Armenian people but a tragedy for all humanity. *Passage Through Hell: A Memoir* is critically important because it recounts the horrors of genocide and the psychological impact it had on the survivors.

I hope the day will soon come when it is not just the survivors who honor the dead but also when those whose ancestors perpetrated the horrors acknowledge their terrible responsibility and commemorate the memory of genocide's victims. This book should be read by all whose ancestors were in any way involved and by everyone who cares about understanding history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Hagop and Klar Manjikian for making this important book available in English.

HONORING DR. BRUCE E. STORM, 2005 EDUCATIONAL LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the Southern Connecticut State University's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies as they honor my good friend, Dr. Bruce E. Storm with the 2005 Educational Leader of the Year Award. Dedicating a lifetime to public education, this award is a true reflection of the dedication and commitment Bruce has demonstrated throughout his career.

I have often spoke of our Nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our

children learn and grow. With such an extensive background in education, ranging from the elementary level to the university setting, Bruce has been just that kind of teacher and administrator. Beginning his career as an English teacher at the middle and high school levels in Massachusetts and New York, Bruce has also served as an assistant principal, principal as well as a lecturer and teaching fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. For the last 13 years, he has served as Superintendent of Schools in Branford, Connecticut—a district of over 3,700 students. Bruce has also served as an adjunct professor at Southern Connecticut State University and as a guest speaker and presenter at several local and national conferences.

With so much recent attention given to the success of public education in our country, it has always been a comfort to me to know that our community has an individual like Bruce working diligently on behalf of our children and our public school system. Teacher, principal, lecturer, adjunct professor, and superintendent, Bruce has prepared students at every educational level, ensuring that they have the tools and skills they need to be successful. I have had several opportunities to work with Bruce over the years and have always been in awe of his energy, generosity and compassion—every community should be so fortunate.

As the Chair of the South Central Area Superintendent's Association and Treasurer and Executive Board Member of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, Bruce has used his experience and background to benefit school districts regionally and across the State. In addition to these professional associations, he has also been an active member of several local organizations in Branford. Bruce was also recently recognized with the CABE Award for Excellence in Educational Communication for his electronic newsletter, *Across the Fence*. Though he will be leaving his position as Superintendent of Schools at the close of this school year, the many invaluable contributions he has made during his tenure will continue to enrich the lives of students for years to come.

For his years of dedicated service and good work, I am proud to stand today to join his wife, Mariah, son, Christian, family, friends and colleagues in extending my sincere congratulations to Dr. Bruce Storm as he is named the 2005 Educational Leader of the Year. He has left an indelible mark on this community and I can think of no one who is more deserving of this very special honor.

LETTER TO DR. MICHAEL D. GRIFFIN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, on May 26, 2005, I sent the following letter to Dr. Michael D. Griffin, Administrator National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

May 26, 2005.

Dr. MICHAEL D. GRIFFIN,
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC.

DEAR DR. GRIFFIN: NASA is able to develop long term, high-risk enabling aeronautics

technologies that the private sector is unwilling to develop because they are too risky or too expensive. In fact, government funding of basic science has historically been the major role of government-sponsored research in aeronautics as well as the pharmaceutical, defense, and energy industries. When that basic research yields information that could lead to a service or product with profit potential, the private sector transitions the technology from research to development in order to bring it to market.

It is clear that where there is no basic research, there can be no development. Where there is no research and development, there can be no competitive industry. Without a thriving competitive aeronautics industry, we undermine our economy, national security, and airline safety.

Any management decisions that significantly erode NASA's aeronautics programs will require decades and billions of dollars to replace. We urge you to take all possible steps to preserve a robust aeronautics program at NASA.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. KUCINICH,
Member of Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE EMMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE DEDICATION OF THEIR NEW EDIFICE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church as they dedicate their new edifice.

The Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church has served the San Antonio Community for more than 88 years. When first organized in 1917, the church was comprised of a small shed. As membership grew, the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church expanded, moving from building to building to accommodate their ever-expanding group of churchgoers.

By putting the principles of true stewardship to work, the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church has grown substantially from their humble beginnings. For Church members, the new edifice reflects God's goodness and grace, as well as their Church's dedication and appreciation for the Lord. The congregation now looks forward to worshipping in their new sanctuary.

I am honored to have had this opportunity to congratulate the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church on the dedication of their new edifice. The Emmanuel A.M.E. Church has provided the San Antonio area with guidance and stewardship, helping nurture and enrich faith in their community.

HARLEM RENAISSANCE DAY OF COMMITMENT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and achievements of the Abyssinian Development Corporation and its Harlem Renaissance Day of Commitment in

which I was pleased and honored to participate this morning. This organization has been a committed and active champion of the Harlem community, has worked diligently to promote the best of Harlem, and has created an environment that has facilitated the new Harlem Renaissance.

The Abyssinian Development Corporation is a major not-for-profit organization that works on housing development, family services, economic revitalization, educational development, and civil engagement in Harlem. Starting in the small basement office of the Abyssinian Baptist Church, the Abyssinian Development Corporation has grown in prominence and respect for its handling of complex issues of social, economic, and political challenges facing Harlem. Today, the organization boasts a dedicated staff of 95 employees and community investment projects of over \$300 million.

Under the auspice of Reverend Calvin O. Butts III, the Abyssinian Development Corporation has been a faithful advocate for the Harlem community. Through the Central Harlem Local Development Corporation, it has promoted economic development and has attracted various businesses and corporations into Harlem. It has also been mindful of the need to provide essential services to the community and has addressed issues such as the improvement of education. The Thurgood Marshall Academy for Learning and Social Change has operated a successful Head Start program. These programs have been beneficial to the development and revitalization of Harlem and the Abyssinian Development Corporation continues to defend the interests of the community.

Today, the Abyssinian Development Corporation hosted a day focused on community leaders and Harlem culture. They paid tribute to the economic work and leadership of several dignitaries and dedicate time to draw attention to local and historical attractions within the community. A street festival, gospel celebration, and neighborhood tour will further highlight the various aspects of Harlem culture.

The Abyssinian Development Corporation has done a superb job of standing up for the people of Harlem and fighting for their interests. I hope that my colleagues here today will join me in applauding the efforts of this group over the last two decades. I submit for the RECORD the following CaribNews article on the work of the Abyssinian Development Corporation in the Harlem Renaissance Day of Commitment.

HARLEM RENAISSANCE DAY OF COMMITMENT

June 7, 2005.—The Abyssinian Development Corporation (ADC), an innovative not-for-profit organization dedicated to renewing and reclaiming the spirit of community in one of New York City's oldest and storied neighborhoods, announces its eleventh annual Harlem Renaissance Day of Commitment on June 7, 2005. The daylong celebration highlights ADC's accomplishments, diverse programs and services while showcasing the revival of Harlem.

This year's Renaissance Honorees include: Robert Rubin, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Citi-group, Inc.; Michael Lee-Chin, Chairman and Chief Executive Office, AIC, Limited; Ralph Lauren, Chairman & CEO of Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation; and Paula Madison, President and General Manager of NBC4 in Los Angeles.

The Leadership Breakfast is ADC's opportunity to honor those who have continually

and faithfully donated their time, resources and efforts to furthering the growth and revitalization of Harlem.

The day begins with a Leadership Breakfast, hosted by Rev. Calvin O. Butts III. The breakfast features more than 700 of New York's business, civic and political leaders and is held at the beautiful Great Hall of Shepard Hall, City College in the historic Hamilton Heights section of Harlem. The Leadership Breakfast (set to begin at 7:30 a.m.) will be preceded by a 7 a.m. VIP and press reception. Co-Chairs Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, Pastor, The Abyssinian Baptist Church; Edward Lewis, Co-founder, Publisher and CEO, Essence Communications; Sandra Parks, Chairman and Creative Director, The Daily Blossom; and Marianne Spraggins, President, Buy Hold America will preside over both the Leadership Breakfast and the presentation of the 2005 Renaissance Awards, during a celebration that will include Gospel Music and Southern-infused Cuisine.

Following the Leadership Breakfast is a tour of Harlem's historic neighborhoods, including Astor Row, Mt. Morris Park, Sugar Hill, and Striver's Row. Guests will see firsthand the various projects and programs of ADC throughout Harlem. The tour concludes at Odell Clark Place and 138th Street, allowing participants to visit Abyssinian Baptist Church. In the afternoon, ADC hosts a Street Fair on Odell Clark Place, complete with free food, music, games, amusement rides, entertainment and health information. The culminating event of the Harlem Renaissance Day of Commitment is an evening reception, A Taste of Harlem by Candlelight, at the Great Hall. The evening will feature entertainment from famed rhythm revue DJ Felix Hernandez, live music from "Soulmates," and a sample from some of Harlem's and New York City's leading restaurants and caterers.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF GRISWOLD V. CONNECTICUT ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, we are fortunate to be able to say that most Americans now take for granted the right to access and use birth control. Yet, the 40th anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut, which first legalized the use of contraceptives, reminds us that it was not so long ago that this right was in great jeopardy. The importance and impact of this landmark decision cannot be underestimated.

Ninety-five percent of women in the U.S. now use some form of birth control during their childbearing years and the number of unintended pregnancies has dropped significantly as a result of this widespread use. Thanks to the many publicly funded programs, women in all socio-economic groups have increased access to birth control. The ability to control and plan for childbirth has also created considerable improvements in the health and well-being of women, children, and families. We have seen dramatic decreases in the rates of maternal and infant mortality, and, at the same time, dramatic increases in maternal and infant health. Women's ability to control their fertility has enabled them to enter the workforce in unprecedented numbers which has contributed to the overall prosperity of our national economy.

While these successes are certainly worthy of recognition, we cannot lose sight of the challenges that remain. Despite the reductions in unintended pregnancies we've seen, the U.S. continues to have one of the highest rates of unintended pregnancies among Western nations. Among teenage girls, the rate of unintended pregnancies remains above 75 percent and estimates show that more than one-third will become pregnant before the age of 20. Many barriers to widespread access to and use of contraceptives still exist. For instance, a number of states have enacted laws that allow health care providers and pharmacists to refuse to provide birth control. Unfortunately, under the current administration's "abstinence-only" approach to sex education, millions of children and adolescents each year are deprived of basic facts on contraception, and are instead being taught misleading information about reproductive health.

It is important to honor the 40th anniversary of Griswold not only to recognize the many accomplishments we've made in the 40 years since this landmark case, but also to remind ourselves of the work we have yet to do. We must continue to be unrelenting in our pursuit of the goal of creating unencumbered universal access to and use of contraceptives. Given the numerous successes of the last 40 years, I'm confident we can succeed.

KEEPING THE PROMISE TO OUR DISABLED VETERANS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to speak about two bills that I have introduced to better the lives of our Nation's disabled veterans. H.R. 1188, the "Disabled Veterans Right to Commissaries and Space Available Travel Act," will extend commissary and exchange store privileges to service-disabled veterans with a rating of 30% or more and to their families. Congress must do all we reasonably can for the men and women who have become disabled in their service to our Nation. Our disabled veterans are important members of the greater military family, and they should be treated as such with every available opportunity.

This bill will also authorize transportation on military aircraft on a space-available basis to service-disabled veterans with a rating of 50% or more. Currently, members and retirees of the uniformed services and the reserves may travel free on Department of Defense (DoD) aircraft when space is available. This benefit is allowed when it does not interfere with military missions, and it recognizes that military careers are filled with rigorous duty.

But present policies do not extend this benefit to our disabled veterans. What more rigorous duty can be imagined than to become disabled in the service of our country? Why has the DoD chosen not to recognize the brave men and women who sacrificed their health and well-being while serving in uniform? This DoD policy needs to be corrected.

Space-available travel for these disabled veterans would cost the Federal government nothing and would not interfere with active-duty personnel. Current military is always

given priority, and H.R. 1188 would do nothing to change that. What my bill will do is allow seats that would otherwise go unused to be occupied by men and women who have been disabled when serving their Nation.

I invite my colleagues to also support a second bill, H.R. 2747, the "Disabled Veterans Life Insurance Enhancement Act." This legislation will make improvements in insurance for veterans who are disabled in their service to our country.

When the Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (SDVI) began in 1951, it was intended to provide service-disabled veterans with the ability to purchase life insurance coverage at "standard" rates. Unfortunately, these life insurance premiums are based upon mortality rates for 1940, while current standard life insurance policies have premiums based upon the 2001 mortality table. This means that service-disabled veterans are being charged high premiums based on a table that is 60 years out of date. The Independent Budget, prepared and endorsed by many veterans service organizations, has recommended that the mortality table be updated so that service-disabled veterans pay lower premiums for insurance. My bill would provide insurance comparable to standard policies, based on 2001 tables. Another change will increase the amount of insurance available to \$50,000, purchased in increments of \$10,000.

Second, the VA provides mortgage life insurance (VMLI) to severely service-disabled veterans who qualify for specially adapted housing grants. Currently, this amount covers only about 55% of the outstanding mortgage balances at the veteran's death because the maximum amount has not been increased since 1992. We know how the cost of houses has skyrocketed since then in many areas of our country. In May, 2001, an evaluation by the Department of Veterans Affairs recommended that the coverage be increased, and The Independent Budget has also recommended that the coverage be increased. H.R. 2747 implements those recommendations by increasing the maximum to \$200,000 to cover 94% of mortgage balances outstanding. Veterans can choose lower coverage, if they wish.

These bills are the right steps to take for our disabled veterans. They have sacrificed their health and well-being for their country, and they have earned the right to these privileges. Please support these bills and work with me for their passage.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1815) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my opposition to Mr. Hunter's Manager Amendment to H.R. 1815, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

Like so many of my colleagues, I was concerned about the original language in H.R. 1815, language that would have excluded women from 20,000 positions in which they have already served to great acclaim.

However, while the Manager's Amendment is an improvement upon the original language, it is still flawed.

First of all, the Hunter Amendment extends the notification period for changes to women's assignments from thirty to sixty legislative days, a period that could last as long as 4 to 5 months.

Mr. Chairman, I know how long debates on this floor can last, and I guarantee you, an Iraqi insurgent is not going to hold his fire until we have reached agreement on which positions women can fill.

In addition, the Hunter Amendment requires Army commanders to send more detailed reports to Congress about the kinds of enlisted jobs, or Military Occupational Specialties, they would like to open to women. Unfortunately, this will also have the effect, intended or not, of limiting women's roles in the military. Our generals are swimming in paperwork as it is. By burdening them with even more paperwork, the new provisions in the Hunter Amendment create an unnecessary and dangerous delay.

Now is the time to be praising women for their contributions to the war effort, not curtailing their roles. Army spokesperson Elizabeth Robbins recently declared, "Women soldiers are performing magnificently in all formations in which they are permitted to serve."

Mr. Chairman, this is high praise! Why are we trying to fix a problem that does not exist?

Today, women comprise a quarter of our available soldiers. As General Claudia Kennedy, the highest ranking woman ever to serve in the Army said to me, "Numbers matter! Why should we prohibit our brave soldiers from doing their jobs when the Army is having trouble recruiting?"

We should devote our time to enhancing soldiers' protections, not restricting women's roles.

Several months ago we learned that soldiers were digging up rusted scrap metal to protect unarmored vehicles. This is a problem worth fixing! The best way to protect our women and men in uniform is to guarantee them the armor, supplies and resources they need.

In April 2003, a soldier named Jessica Lynch captured our hearts. She also taught us an important lesson. Jessica Lynch was a member of the 507th Maintenance Company. Her convoy, a supply unit, was not supposed to be in the line of fire. But, Mr. Chairman, as Jessica Lynch's terrifying ordeal taught us, everywhere in Iraq is a potential combat zone, and every soldier is serving on the front lines.

I would like to thank Representatives SKELTON and WILSON for their hard work on this issue and for their advocacy for women's rights in the military.

I stand here in support of the military. My husband, brother and father all served with honor on our country's behalf. I am grateful for the sacrifice of each of our service men and women. But I did not come to Congress to restrict the roles of women anywhere.

RAINNIE DEANE: A FRIEND OF
SMALL BUSINESS

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and thank a public servant who dedicated a large part of her life to public service and in particular to helping small businesses.

Lorraine "Rainnie" Deane began her Federal career in 1977, serving as a staffer for the Committee on the Budget in the United States Senate and then later as a staffer for the Senate Committee on Small Business from 1981 to 1989. In 1989, "Rainnie" joined the Small Business Administration (SBA) and began working with the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Ms. Deane retired just recently on May 31, 2005, after 28 years of distinguished service.

She has always been an outstanding help to us here in the Congress, and especially to my staff and their predecessors on the Committee on Small Business.

Prior to entering Federal service, "Rainnie" worked for the private sector in the late 1960's to the late 1970's. In the mid to late 1960's, "Rainnie" was self-employed as a model in the metropolitan DC area. As a take-off on Britain's Twiggy, "Rainnie" was named "The Face of '68" and articles appeared in the London Financial Times and the Washington Post. She also appeared on network TV doing fashion shows. She was a true entrepreneur in her own right.

In addition to her work for small business "Rainnie," a breast cancer survivor, has been very active in raising funds for cancer research. "Rainnie's Dream Team" of over 50 friends and colleagues just participated in the June 3, 2005 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Washington, DC, the most recent of her teams supporting this noble cause.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to reiterate my congratulations and gratitude to "Rainnie" for her excellent service to the Federal government, small business, and society. I wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE CIGARROA
FAMILY, LAREDO BUSINESS PER-
SONS OF THE YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Cigarroa Family, Laredo Business Persons of the Year.

Joaquin Cigarroa Jr., along with his sons Ricardo, Carlos, Francisco, Joaquin, and daughter Patricia comprise a unique group of medical professionals and business entrepreneurs.

The Cigarroas have demonstrated a great ability to seek opportunity and create enterprise within their community. The family has consistently expressed their devotion to Laredo, dedicating their lives to the education and health of their city.

The Cigarroa Family has contributed significantly to the development of the healthcare in-

dustry in South Texas, partnering in 2004 with others to create the Laredo Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness Center. The family is currently developing the Cigarroa Heart and Vascular Institute.

I am honored to recognize the Cigarroa Family, Laredo Business Persons of the year. I applaud the Cigarroas for their commitment to the medical industry and the positive impact they have had on their local economy.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF
MALCOLM X

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw the attention of the 109th Congress to the life of Malcolm X. Four months ago was the 40th anniversary of the tragic assassination of Malcolm X. Last month, I called on this body to recognize and commemorate the 80th birthday of this brilliant man who rose from a life of crime and incarceration to become a famed civil rights leader. Today, I ask this chamber to reflect on the circumstances that led Malcolm X down the path he took and to imagine how his life and our lives might have been different had he lived into his 80s.

Despite much hardship and struggle in his life, he rose to be a powerful voice of a disenfranchised Black America. His father, a believer in Garveyism and a champion of Black Nationalism, was found dead on the railroad tracks near his home. His mother quickly sank into a deep depression and alcoholism. He was split from his brothers, sisters, and mother shortly thereafter. Despite an impressive academic record, he was discouraged from pursuing a career in law by a favorite white teacher. By his 20s, he had turned to a life of crime that appeared to offer more opportunities for a young black man in the 1940s.

To young Malcolm, racism was at the heart of his family breakdown, the barriers to his advancement, and the limitations of Black America. All around him were examples of a system that discriminated against, despised, and debilitated Black America. Crime, drugs, death, limited opportunities, inadequate finances, segregation, and racism were facets of his daily life. They framed his view of the world around him and of the individuals within the political and economic hierarchy.

As a result of a religious conversion he experienced in jail, Malcolm would join the Nation of Islam and become one of its most influential ministers. Motivated by his spirit, pride, and desire to defend his Black people, he would see the Nation of Islam as a voice for the disenfranchised, the poor, and the discriminated. He would connect his life story to the lives of those with whom he came in contact and explain their story through his own experience. Their dismay with the system was his dismay; their need for leadership was his strength. He instilled in those he met in his journey a sense of pride that many had lost. He restored their hope in themselves. He demanded more of himself and more of them.

He told America about the oppression and racism that held his people back and demanded that the injustices be undone. With

that demand came a call for Black America to stand up for themselves, to insist upon their freedoms as men and women, and to settle for nothing less. He became the voice for a segment of Black America that would no longer accept the status quo. He became a champion for justice, equality, and self-determination.

While many feared the hatred and determinism that underlined Malcolm X, many also missed his transformation to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. El-Shabazz had traveled to Mecca and seen with his own eyes the kindness of all people and the international extent of oppression. He saw that injustices were not just a White-Black dynamic in the United States, but a challenge that existed across the world, across races, and across systems of government. He returned from his travels with a new developing world philosophy.

Malcolm X was an influential leader of the Civil Rights Movement and is an admired champion of current generations. His struggle is seen as a universal struggle that groups the world over have fought. He influenced change in the role of African-Americans in this country. His thoughts still shape the ideas of the young and old today. This Congress, this Nation, must come to terms with the meaning and significance of this great man, as we advance into this new century.

I submit for the RECORD and for our reflection the following CaribNews article by Michael D. Roberts on Malcolm X. It provides further insight into the development of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz and it offers a view of Black Moses.

BLACK MOSES: THE INTERNATIONAL APPEAL
FOR THIS BLACK NATIONALIST STILL LIVES

MAY 31, 2005.—As we celebrate the 80th "earthday" of legendary Black Nationalist leader, Malcolm X, he still commands the attention and interest of millions of people—Black, White, and others. And even now there are still attempts to settle once and for all the circumstances surrounding his untimely demise.

Malcolm's contribution to the development of Black people and the Black race the world over serves as a timeless positive lesson in today's troubled climate of racism, petty prejudice and discrimination. His life and times also make the translucent point that greatness can start from very humble circumstances and that ultimately the power of goodness must triumph over those of evil.

Indeed, his example, in so short a lifetime, is a remarkable study in the metamorphosis from ordinary Malcolm Little, born on May 19, 1925, to a Garveyite father and Grenadian mother, to convicted felon and con man, to Malcolm X, the top minister of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and finally to El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, internationalist, Black nationalist, and statesman. Incredibly all this was done in less than four decades. To all that I would take the liberty of adding: "Black Moses martyred for the cause of Black Liberation."

But the events which would transform a disillusioned Black street hustler known as "Detroit Red" into an international symbol of Black pride provide serious and objective lessons in today's hostile social and political climate. So, too, the study of the public and international ministries of Malcolm X should never be solely focused on his early radical pronouncements as many of his detractors are wont to do.

After all his early, formative perceptions of society were formed after he saw his father viciously murdered by the racist, white supremacist Ku Klux Klan organization, and his mother fall victim to the debilitating

ravages of alcoholism while still barely a teenager.

A young Malcolm witnessed the steady dysfunctionality of a home broken up by the demise of the main breadwinner and the rapid decline into depression and alcoholism of a mother unable to cope with the sheer burden of raising a family alone. The end result was that Malcolm's mother was forced to parcel off the children to family and mends because she was unable to adequately provide for them.

Of course, to many Black people around the world this sounds very familiar and is a situation that has been duplicated over and over again in the Black family even in 2005 on the anniversary of his birth.

But when all is said and done the reason why Malcolm X was able to elevate himself from nonentity, "Detroit Red," a two-bit street hustler, to one of the most gifted and eloquent leaders of the 20th century, was due mainly to his conversion, while in jail, to the religion of Islam.

The early Malcolm, still bitter from his experiences with racism, still hurting from being separated from his family and in particular his mother that he loved deeply, was a narrow-minded bigot who saw the white man as "a blond blue-eyed devil." And even as he embraced the Quran and was riding the wave to the top of the Black Muslim religious hierarchy, Malcolm still believed that the problems facing the Black race, especially in a still segregated and prejudiced America, were the deliberate creation of "evil" individual White men.

That is why he uttered his famous epitaph on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy calling it a case of "chickens coming home to roost." But while the statement appeared to be fundamentally callous and insensitive to the brutal slaying of a United States president, on closer examination and analysis it could be interpreted to mean that the climate of hostility and racial hatred which was poisoning American society on November 22, 1963 spawned such activities which resulted.

And although felled by several assassins' bullets in New York's Harlem Audobon Ballroom on February 21, 1965, Malcolm X's cultural currency has only increased in the last four decades. Part of his appeal has to do with the controversial figure that he was and his oftentimes uncompromising in-your-face, no-sell-out stance that he took when dealing with white American society and questions of Black oppression. It is this militant revolutionary charisma that still finds acceptance especially by inner city youths who are today still struggling to be free.

Just as he was controversial in life, so too he is in death. In 2005 there are still many unanswered questions about just who was behind his assassination. Following Malcolm's break with the Nation of Islam (NOI) in 1964, enmity grew between him and the Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad. Most members of the group hated Malcolm for "defaming" Muhammad's name.

An FBI memo, uncovered during a congressional probe of the agency's notorious COINTLPRO (Counter Intelligence Program) program, suggests that it was the agency, which hated Malcolm's guts, that used agent provocateurs planted inside the NOI to fuel and foster factional disputes and nurture hatred for Malcolm ultimately culminating in his killing. It was no secret that FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, wanted Malcolm dead.

But no matter the circumstances of his untimely death, or who was to blame, Malcolm X has left a towering legacy of selfless sacrifice to the greater good of mankind. In less than four decades he made the extraordinary journey from an ordinary man to a leader with international standing ultimately

transformed by the power of his pilgrimage to Mecca. It was this change and his new and profound understanding of the root causes of oppression, exploitation and racism that thrust him on a new path to liberating his people. He became in the process, EI-Hajj Malik EI-Shabazz, the liberated Black Moses of his people as he saw the emancipation of Blacks in America as inextricably entwined and linked with the liberation processes in the Caribbean, in Europe and Africa. Malcolm X will be remembered as one of the clear Black voices of reason whose every thought and action was based on sound moral political principles. As we remember him on his 80th Birthday and 40 years after he was brutally murdered it is correct to say that his legacy still lives on.

Today, history looks kindly on Malcolm X and a generation of young Black leaders all over the world remember him for his militant activism and strong uncompromising leadership. He was truly a "Black Moses" who chose his own path to lead his people. Cut down before his mission was accomplished we can only wonder at what this extraordinary model of human transformation and sound moral principles would have accomplished had he lived. We can only speculate. But Malcolm X achieved in life what many, many would take two and even three lifetimes to achieve. That is his legacy and his lasting gift to his people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I regret that official business forced me to miss rollcall votes 223–227 on May 26, 2005. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 223, On Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of H.R. 2528, the Military Quality of Life and VA Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006, I would have voted "nay."

On rollcall vote No. 224, On Agreeing to the Melancon Amendment to H.R. 2528, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 225, On Agreeing to the Blumenauer Amendment to H.R. 2528, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 226, passage of H.R. 2528, the Military Quality of Life and VA Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2006, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall vote No. 227, On Agreeing to the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO LAWSON AND JEANNE HAMILTON AS GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable West Virginia couple, Lawson and Jeanne Hamilton, who are being honored by The Education Alliance as Graduates of Distinction.

"Graduates of Distinction" was established by The Education Alliance to recognize and

honor graduates of West Virginia public schools who have attained national or international acclaim in their professions and for their loyalty to West Virginia.

Lawson Hamilton graduated from Charleston High School and went on to become the owner of Ford Coal Company, a major producer which provided good jobs for West Virginians for decades.

Jeanne Hamilton graduated from Elkview High School and has been a leader in many civic and community programs in addition to being named "Mrs. West Virginia Mother of the Year."

As testament to the value they have placed on their educations, Lawson and Jeanne have sponsored wonderful reunions for graduates of Charleston High School, keeping traditions and relationships strong and vibrant even as the student body now enjoys grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They are true believers in education and the arts.

Lawson and Jeanne Hamilton could have taken the skills they gained in public school and launched successful careers anywhere, but chose to put them to work putting West Virginians to work. Our State is sincerely appreciative. Their bountiful nature and giving spirits are unmatched.

We are taught always to leave a place better than we have found it. Lawson and Jeanne have transformed our community in many ways throughout their lives, and all West Virginians and Americans should honor them today.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 2746

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, in his State of the Union address on February 27, 2001, President George W. Bush stood in these very chambers and correctly stated, "No senior in America should have to choose between buying food and buying prescriptions." Unfortunately, two years later, Congress passed a bill that did not solve that problem.

The Medicare Modernization Act fails to protect the eligibility of low-income seniors for other Federal assistance programs. The statute mandates that use of the transitional discount drug cards will not affect eligibility for Federal assistance programs, like food stamps. However, such protection is not extended to the permanent prescription drug benefit, which will be fully implemented on January 1, 2006.

On May 4, 2005, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) notified potential beneficiaries of the Medicare low-income subsidy that they may qualify for extra help paying prescription costs. However, this potential extra help comes with a caveat: If you qualify for extra help, your food stamps may decline. Recipients of the minimum food stamp benefit will see their benefits end.

It is unconscionable to offer a "low-income subsidy" that is contingent on beneficiaries forgoing another necessary commodity. The lowest income seniors should not have to choose between getting help with their expenses for prescription drugs or food.

Today, I introduced H.R. 2746, legislation that would fix this problem with the Medicare

Modernization Act. It is a simple correction that extends to the permanent drug benefit the same protection for Federal assistance program eligibility provided in the transitional drug benefit. I encourage Members to support this bill.

Congress and the Bush Administration have repeatedly affirmed that low-income seniors should not have to choose between food and prescription drugs. Our actions as a body have not lived up to that commitment. Congress should act quickly to fix this flaw in the Medicare Modernization Act so that the most vulnerable among us are not faced with an impossible choice.

CONGRATULATING ARACELI
LOZANO, SMALL BUSINESS AD-
VOCATE WOMEN CHAMPION OF
THE YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Araceli Lozano, Small Business Advocate Women Champion of the Year.

Araceli is the Director of the Laredo Development Foundation Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which was established to provide vision and leadership to develop, encourage, promote and protect the business interests of the Laredo metropolitan area.

As Director, Araceli works to provide opportunities, motivation, and guidance to current and potential small business owners. Under the stewardship of Ms. Lozano, the SBDC team has achieved an outstanding track record, meeting and exceeding each counseling and training goal. Araceli has consistently reached out to small business owners in rural communities, providing direction to enhance the business skills of these blossoming entrepreneurs.

I am honored to recognize Araceli Lozano as the Small Business Advocate Women Champion of the Year. Araceli's dedication and devotion to the growth and success of small businesses is truly admirable.

CONGRATULATING ALICIA
ESPINOZA, SMALL BUSINESS AD-
VOCATE FINANCIAL CHAMPION
OF THE YEAR

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alicia Espinoza, Small Business Advocate Financial Champion of the Year.

Alicia works as a Commercial Loan Officer for the Commerce Bank where she makes and services all types of loans. With over 9 years banking experience, Ms. Espinoza offers clients a wealth of banking knowledge and financial understanding.

Alicia strives to provide personalized attention to her customers. She knows them all by their names, not their account numbers. By offering each customer individualized consideration and tailored advice, she is able to maxi-

mize the success of her business transactions. Alicia works hard to serve the needs of her clients, often working beyond a banker's traditional hours.

I am honored to recognize Alicia Espinoza as the Small Business Advocate Financial Champion of the Year. Alicia's exceptional efforts continue to perpetuate the economic and social development of her community.

THE COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE OF DR. DAVID JEFFERSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the success and contributions of Dr. David Jefferson, Sr. A graduate of Grambling State University, David has been a role model and example for a generation of Grambling students and others who have met him.

In the last thirty years, David has risen up the ranks in the business community and has developed an impressive reputation amongst his colleagues as a fair and wise business leader. He currently serves as the President and CEO of JNET Communications, LLC and is a member of the board of directors of SBLI USA Mutual Life Insurance Company, Inc. He has succeeded in bringing the talents of a young Louisianan and the lessons of a noteworthy academic institution into the decision-making of two major corporations.

Beginning in 2003, JNET has provided a suite of technology and technology-related services to telephone companies, cable television systems, and other businesses. The company has created a number of job opportunities in minority and low-income communities. Through its Up the Ladder training program, it has trained individuals in these communities to work as call center experts, customer acquisition and expansion experts, and maintenance and installation experts. David has been successful in managing an organization that creates jobs for the community and the people that surround him.

Dr. Jefferson is also a senior pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Newark. Founded in 1938, Metropolitan Baptist has one of the largest congregations in Newark. It has over 80 ministries ranging from choirs and church services to ecommerce and educational development. David has effectively used the church to address the economic and social needs of his congregation and has worked to improve the livelihood of his community.

David is also a willing community activist. He divides his time with a number of social and religious organizations dedicated to making an impact on the community. He is enthusiastically involved in the actions of civil rights organizations, legal associations, and a fraternal order. In addition, David is the director and co-chair of 1,000 Churches Connected Initiative. His commitment to the community and involvement in its development is a testament to the importance of daily activism and individual responsibility.

Dr. Jefferson is a wonderful role model for generations of Americans. He effectively combines the intuitiveness and aggressiveness of the business community with the compassion

and care of the neighborhood. He is a dedicated leader to the economic and social fabric of this country and should be recognized for his role in shaping and developing the individual, the family, and the community.

Dr. Jefferson bestowed his sage advice on the graduating class of Grambling State University Sunday, May 22. He advised the graduates of his keys to success and reminded them of the importance of community service, determination, and commitment to their life. I would like to share with this body the thoughtful words of Dr. David Jefferson at the commencement of Grambling State University. I submit for the RECORD the prepared text of that commencement address.

“ACHIEVING YOUR DREAMS AND HOPES”;
GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY COMMENCE-
MENT ADDRESS, MAY 22, 2005

To Dr. Judson, the president of this internationally renowned, remarkable, historical institution; Chairman of the Board of Trustees; faculty; administrators; staff; parents; friends; loved ones; and last but certainly not least the Graduating Class of 2005. When you travel and see the condition of our young people . . . to see those who have reached this level, they deserve a message from us that we are proud of their accomplishments.

Today represents a major milestone and one of significant meaning and enormous joy and fulfillment for all of us. For the graduates and their families, because your hard work, sacrifice and perseverance has finally yielded the first installment of your dividends. It's significant for this great institution because there is a spirit of revival and rebirth in the air at GSU.

I am excited and encouraged about what is happening at my Alma Mater. The campus is receiving a long overdue facelift, buildings are being constructed, dorms are being renovated, academic curriculums are being re-evaluated, and there is a vision and hope for tomorrow.

For me it's significant because I have been invited back to my roots, the place where I started my journey and received my foundation for higher academic training. This is the institution that equipped me and prepared me for my MBA work in finance at the University of Dayton. It is this institution that also equipped me to pursue legal studies at Capital Law School; a Master's of Theology at Drew University; and another master's degree from one of the top schools in the world—the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It is this institution that paved the way for me to become the Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, N.J. which has nearly 6,000 members, and now the President and CEO of JNET Communications. After 34 years I have been invited back to give this commencement address and that's a marvelous blessing. So do not let anyone tell you Grambling is not a great school. Without this school I wouldn't be where I am today.

I am very humbled and emotional, but very excited. And I want to thank Dr. Judson for inviting me to address this class. I've received a number of prestigious honors in my life, many of which were absolutely outstanding. However, in my estimation, this tops them all. To stand here today is extremely significant to me. Everywhere I go young people constantly inquire, “Dr. Jefferson, how have you achieved such significant accomplishments and what advice would you give college students?” And that's what I want to focus on briefly: achieving your dreams and hopes.

The first thing I have to admit is it has not been easy—you really do have to learn how

to lean and depend on God. But you also have to have a dream, some hope, some aspiration that takes you beyond the present to what you want for your future. It's called reaching beyond the present. I had and still have a desire to achieve.

Even if you don't know exactly "where" you want to go, you need to possess a desire to "excel beyond your present." Then you need to be inspired because aspiration is not enough, you also need inspiration. I grew up in Doyline, a small rural area just west of here—dirt roads, no running water, outside bathrooms, and bathing in a #3 tub (something many of you perhaps know nothing about). There are 15 children in our family. I'm #10 and nine of us graduated from college. My father, a Baptist minister, was a strong man and an outstanding role model. My mother, who is with me today, is 89 years old and will be 90 in December. Neither of my parents finished high school, but they understood the value of a good education and inspired their children to be somebody, to make something of themselves, to be their best. Without aspiration and without inspiration there is no drive, determination, or will to succeed. Success comes to those who are willing to sweat. And then you need to work at it. It's called preparation. And preparation involves perspiration. Preparation and perspiration always precede realization. Dreams and aspirations can never be achieved without preparation and perspiration. And then you get to the moment of celebration. That's where you are today. So graduates—it is time to celebrate!

But today's accomplishments are to be celebrated with commas, not periods. As a punctuation mark, the period says "stop." It represents the end of a declarative statement. But a comma says simply, "pause," because there's more to follow. I urge you to celebrate today with a comma, meaning that there's more to follow! Seize the moment, but keep going. Make the most of your life. Don't stop. Go for your master's, go for your doctorate, take your life to the next level. Do something that will make a difference, make your mark in life, leave a legacy.

L. Frank Baum in his 1939 epic, "The Wizard of Oz," starts the story when a nasty neighbor tries to have Dorothy's dog put to sleep. Dorothy takes her dog, Toto, to run away. A cyclone appears and carries her to the magical land of Oz. Wishing to return, she begins to travel to the city of Oz, where a great and powerful wizard lives. On her way she meets a Scarecrow who needs a brain, a Tin Man who wants a heart, and a cowardly Lion who desperately needs courage. They all hope the Wizard of Oz will help them, before the Wicked Witch of the West catches up to them. But when they reach Oz and meet the magnificent Wizard they encounter a remarkable discovery. And that is

"what they were looking for on the outside was only to be found within." What they wanted the Wizard to give them, they had all along. You have within you brains, the courage and the heart and the spirit to go the distance. Cultivate what you have within! Sometimes up, sometimes down, it won't be easy but go for it!

And perhaps that's what Langston Hughes had in mind when he wrote the poem "Mother to Son," where the mother says to her son

...
 "Well, son, I'll tell you:
 Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
 It's had tacks in it,
 And splinters,
 And boards torn up,
 And places with no carpet on the floor—
 Bare.
 But all the time
 I've been a-climbin' on,
 And reachin' landin's,
 And turnin' corners,
 And sometimes goin' in the dark
 Where there ain't been no light.
 So, boy, don't you turn back.
 Don't you set down on the steps.
 'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
 Don't you fall now—
 For I'se still goin', honey
 I'se still climbin',
 And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

So go for it graduates and one day you'll discover, like I have, there is no place like home, no place like Doyline, no place like Grambling State University! And although today is a great accomplishment, your best is yet to come.

God bless you and God bless Grambling State University!

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DE TEEL PATTERSON (PAT) TILLER

HON. JIM MCCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Mr. MCCRERY. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize an individual who has for the past 28 years been a thoughtful and articulate advocate of historic preservation and cultural resources programs serving the 388 national parks and the Nation's heritage partnership programs.

de Teel Patterson (Pat) Tiller, the National Park Service's Deputy Associate Director, Cultural Resources, will retire in June. Since 1999 he has served as both the Deputy and Acting Associate Director of the National Park Serv-

ice. A native of Washington, DC, Tiller worked as a professional designer in television and regional theater before receiving a Master's degree in Architectural History with a specialty in historic preservation from the University of Virginia, College of Architecture. He was in private practice in West Texas before joining the National Park Service in 1977. Tiller has served in various adjunct faculty positions in architectural history and historic preservation policy and practice at the University of Wyoming, the University of Virginia, Kansas State University, George Washington University in Washington, DC, and Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. He received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Goucher in 2003.

In the Fourth Congressional District of Louisiana, Pat Tiller has been instrumental in nurturing and developing a unique relationship among three National Park Service entities in Natchitoches. The synergy of the Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the Cane River National Heritage Area, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and local partners is a model for cooperation and productivity among federal agencies and local communities. The American Planning Association recognized this achievement with a Federal Planning Award for Partnerships in 2004.

The community has benefited from Tiller's guidance in two Save America's Treasures awards, numerous visits by National Park Service personnel, and the development of the Creole Heritage Center on the campus of Northwestern State University. The Creole Heritage Center has seen its mission and scope extend beyond a local community group to a national constituency. Pat Tiller has been instrumental in formulating the policies and funding to make this a reality.

Pat Tiller has been a man of vision of during his tenure at the National Park Service in improving the nation's natural and historic resources. He leaves behind a rich legacy, numerous contributions and very large shoes to fill. My staff and I, and I dare say many other members and staff on the Hill, will miss Pat's guidance, hard work, unfailing courtesy, good humor and most of all dedication to his work in the years ahead. But I know that I and many others in the Fourth District will seek opportunities to keep Pat engaged and part of the larger preservation community as he re-enters the private sector and begins another phase of an already distinguished career.